

2025 NMAC Member Grants

The NMAC Member Grants Program, begun in the late 1990s, was established to provide much needed funding for out-of-pocket research, preservation efforts, travel, or publication expenses directly related to the mission and purposes of the Council. Members who are independent researchers and others working outside of academia are strongly encouraged to apply.

Grant requests specifically targeting New Mexico archaeology are given first priority. Since its inception, this successful program has distributed over \$44,000 to worthy causes. A few examples include:

- AMS dating of grooved curved sticks from the Maxwell Museum collections
- Investigations of radiation exposure by prehistoric peoples of northern NM
- INAA of Chuska Gray Ware ceramics consumed in Chaco Canyon
- Obsidian procurement at Zuni Pueblo
- AMS dating of atlatls in the MIAC collections
- Petrographic analysis of sherds from Plaza Montoya Pueblo
- INAA on sherds from Chaco Canyon and the San Juan Basin
- Publication assistance for Thirty-Five Years of Archaeological Research at Salmon Ruins
- Dendrochronology studies on culturally modified trees
- Travel assistance to research Blackwater Draw projectile points housed in Texas
- Lead isotope analysis for glazeware ceramics on the Pajarito Plateau
- Residue analysis of White Mountain Red and Smudged Wares
- Canada Alamosa ceramic studies
- Faunal analysis for Chamisal Pueblo

In 2025, up to \$3000 will be available for statewide distribution. This fund is tied to earnings from NMAC workshop fees and investments. The NMAC Grant Committee will review all applications received on or before **May 15, 2025**, and notify submitters by **June 1, 2025**.

Priority will be given to NMAC members before applications from non-members are considered; interested non-members may join online at <https://nmarchcouncil.org/membership/>

NMAC does not directly fund salaries but would cover volunteer expenses. Individual grants may be made for all or a portion of the total amount available. Applications will be considered and amounts will be awarded at the sole discretion of the NMAC Grants Committee. This volunteer committee is made up of five NMAC members with varied professional interests and from all portions of the state. NMAC grant funds are disbursed up to the amount of the award upon receipt of bills, invoices, or proof of payment.

Proposals should be in the form of application letters (*no more than three pages if possible*), although supplemental information and articles are welcomed. Student applications should be endorsed by a faculty member. Send requests and supporting documents (brief vita, authorization of landowner/interested parties, etc.) to the Grants Committee Chair via email at pleckman@srircm.com. Conditions of the awards include (1) acknowledgment of NMAC in any paper, publication, or presentation resulting from the funding and (2) preparation of a brief project summary for publication in NewsMAC upon project completion.